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PREFACE

Allow me to call your attention,
To a few facts which I shall briefly mention,
    Pertaining to a variety of strains,
    Which is undermining the young
        people's brains.

The actual activity of a human brain,
Depends upon what it contains,
    Of actual activity,
    Civility and ability.

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I.

The reason why I undertook
To write this little book,
Is, because I've found so many
unpleasant things sealed
That must be revealed.

II.

And viewed by the public's opinion,
Because they have failed to exercise a
dominion
Over the political affairs
Which have so many difficult snares.

III.

That rope men in to all sorts of trouble
and sin,
That's why it's high time it was arranged
That our political issues were changed.

PROCEEDS OF OUR REPROBATES.

I.

It's the United States lawmakers
That have enforced jawbreakers,
    That causes steam delerium,
    That's why it is a connundrum.

II.

That no man can solve nor prevent,
The unnecessary money spent,
    For that miserable booze
    That gives men the blues.

III.

It's our leading Politicions
And their wrong decisions
    That favor distilleries and brewers
    And other evil doers.

IV.

Our legislative men are paid
To help persuade
    Bills that should be passed
    That would collapse.

V.

It's the liquor traffic today,
That causes men to go astray
    From that, which is good,
    By our prominent citizens, it is well
        understood.

VI.

That these unconstitutional organizations,
Are going to cause a tribulation
Upon all modern nations,
This has to be taken into consideration.

VII.

Because the monopolist
Belongs in that list,
They are the ones
That issue the bonds.

VIII.

For the purpose of erecting such an
establishment
That supply us with discontent,
And wrecks our American homes
Throughout the temperate zone,
That's why it is high time to commence,
To cast the right ballot,
In self-defense.

IX.

On the election day
Let's all be willing to say,
We will vote for prohibition,
Which will change the administration.

X.

There's no doubt but what such a decision
Will change the present condition,
Because, it is the voters consent
That controls the saloon element,
Which is the worse curse on earth,
And will ruin the Christian Church.

THE LARGEST GRAFTS IN EXISTANCE.

I.

What are the largest grafts
Our government has placed on the main shaft,
It's the high licensed saloon booms,
With there miserable gambling rooms.

II.

It's in those places,
That men gamble on horse races
And all sorts of games,
Headed under different names.

III.

But it all leads to the same,
Which is sin, sorrow and shame,
And still furthermore
As I have mentioned before.

IV.

If our lawmakers had any respect
They would never connect
Such links in a chain,
That break without a strain.

V.

As they have done in the past,
Allowing King alcohol with its hot blast,
To destroy one hundred thousand souls every year,
And send them to another sphere.

UNCLE SAM'S CONFESSION.

I.

Listen, what Uncle Sam says,
The liquor traffic is a legitimate business
that pays,
Because I've gained the right protection,
The church members are in connection.

II.

With one in every direction
I don't allow outsiders for inspection,
If the right parties should interfere,
It might prove to be severe.

III.

A problem to solve, yet
I have no reason to fret
As long as the church members are
willing to remain
To bear the strain.

IV.

Which is sin, sorrow and pain,
That's no reason why I should explain,
The losses and the gain
Linked together, in the same old chain.

V.

My fondest dream,
And my latest improved scheme,
Is to protect the wellfare
Of the leading millionaire.

VI.

Because they have always paid my expense
And fought their way in self-defense,
That's why I can't afford to loose
The extra money they produce.

CONTENTION AND CONTROVERSY.

I.

Every nation and creed,
How can you expect to succeed,
In your every day life,
Which is a constant strife.

II.

The worst curse of all,
Which I shall recall
Is, the saloon bracket,
Which brings forth all kinds of racket.

III.

It isn't that alone,
Which makes so many unhappy homes,
Just think in some cases,
How many it disgraces.

IV.

But still on the election day,
The majority will say
That the saloon must go,
But I claim, it isn't so.

V.

If we could realize the fact,
Which we so often come in contact,
There is where the trouble lies,
And that's why the truth, the majority
denies.

IF OUR POLITICAL CRANKS WERE OUT OF DATE.

I.

Is it because our governing power is bad,
That we must put up with such a fad,
Which amongst us does exist,
And allow it to be dismissed.

II.

Why not árrest our political men when
they carouse,
And send them to the work-house,
So they can serve their own time,
When they commit a crime.

III.

If this can be done,
Bad company we can easily shun,
If political cranks were out of date
There would be a chance to
discriminate.

IV.

The difference of right and wrong,
And then we should pass right along
From victory to victory
My dear friends, don't you see.

V.

Through our life's journeys
And no longer depend on attorneys,
    To fight our cases,
    Which so often disgraces.

VI.

The human race,
By sin, sorrow and disgrace
    Throughout the United States
    With all sorts of ~~jokes.~~ fakes

VII.

Just think of our most prominent pretend,
That they can't comprehend.
    That they have choosen the wrong
        course in life,
    Which brings upon these men a
        constant strife.

VIII.

It robs men from their senses,
This often commences,
    In childhood's youth
    That men stray away from the truth.

ATTORNEY'S AT LAW.

I.

It's the American lawyers,
That are the head sawyers,
When it refers to the financial affair,
It's very seldom, they deal on the
square.

II.

When they have delivered a plea,
Then comes their attorney fee,
Which is outrageous
And has continued for ages.

III.

And always will,
As long as congress issues no bill
As to the fixed fee,
For the attorney's plea.

IV.

Why should they
Have all the say,
Whether they are right or wrong,
They repeat the same old song.

V.

We will win your case
And leave you no disgrace,
    No matter what your crime may be,
    We can let you free.

VI.

When it proves to be in vain
You will have to play insane,
    So we can send you to another place,
    In order to dismiss your case.

VII.

According to the latest reports,
It's the corrupt costs,
    Which so willingly supports
    The outlaws and the sports.

TAX DODGERS.

I.

The monopolists are supposed to be main
tax-payers,
But they have become disobeyors
Of the state laws,
On the account of the various by-laws.

II.

All kinds of skulduggery is permitted,
And also committed
By our leading politicians,
And their wrong decisions.

III.

It's their unjust deals,
Which before us reveals,
The awful truth,
Men are known by their fruit.

IV.

Hypocrisy
And democracy,
Are found in many ways
With men that disobey,
The laws of nature,
Which is laid down by the creator
For us to uphold
In God's word, to us it is told.

V.

While you pause a moment and think,
You'll learn how these grafters link,
    Together like a chain,
    It's high time to explain.

VI.

The various tribes that are involved,
Which I have solved,
    The facts that are marred
    Refers to men that aren't blamed.

VII.

For these ungodly acts
Although these are the facts,
    That no one can deny,
    No matter how they try.

THE PIONEERS.

I.

It's the past history of old,
That men had less pleasures in gold,
But were interested in tilling the soil,
And taking care of their crops so they
wouldn't spoil.

II.

All vigorous men were employed,
That's how their lives were enjoyed
How happy and contented they were,
As long as they were able to stir.

III.

They continued their struggles
By looking above troubles,
The very best way they knew how,
With a yoke of oxen and a breaking
plow.

IV.

They immigrated to the West,
Wherever they thought it was best,
And filed on their claims throughout
the central plains
And economically figured out the losses
and gains.

V.

I am very much surprised,
To learn how the first settlers economized
In their every day life
Husband, children and wife.

VI.

Economized in all things
In other words, it brings prosperity
To men, that are faithful and true,
There is always something to do.

RESULTS OF NEGLECT.

I.

Why is it that our governing power is left
undisturbed,
It is because they are not closely observed
By the ordinary classes,
That's why it surpasses.

II.

Their knowledge and understanding,
In not demanding
A reform or change,
That's why there is no chance to arrange.

III.

It's true that King alcohol,
Is nailing us to the wall
And demanding our daughters and sons
to become bums
Throughout the city slums.

IV.

Such news is sad to tell
Because, it is preparing men for hell,
It was a day at the Republican
convention
That called my attention.

V.

To the curious fact
That there were no delegates to act
Against the liquor curse,
Which has gone from bad to worse,
If we trace it back to it's cause
We find that it is due to unjust laws.

ADAM AND EVE IN PARADISE.

I.

Life's journey cannot be enjoyed
Without being employed
    In business of some kind,
    Because it isn't good for the mind.

II.

To be unoccupied,
When Adam and Eve were tried
    They lived in paradise,
    When the serpent to them did arise.

III.

And deceived them there,
By stating that they would share
    From God's wisdom and truth,
    If they would eat of the fruit.

IV.

Which on the tree of knowledge hung,
Then Eve her hand unwisely swung,
    And went right ahead,
    Her husband she also fed.

V.

From that forbidden fruit
That separated them from the truth,
    Which never before was known
    Since the sun on earth had shown.

THE PRESENT GENERATION.

I.

If you will allow me to give an explanation
About the misleading generation,
    Which includes the smart alics,
    And their metalics.

II.

It's the powdered faces and the daisies,
That lugs astray suit cases,
    Their silly demand,
    Requires an extra supply on hand.

III.

It's the unnecessary expense,
Which so often condences,
    The hard earned currency, into an
        ugly looking cloud,
    Amongst the foolish and the proud.

IV.

They ruin their faces,
No matter whom it disgraces,
    To imitate the latest styles,
    Appears to be the only thing that
        smiles.

V.

Upon the present generation
That tries to live on speculation,
    There's where they are lame,
    Themselves, they are not all together
        to be the blamed.

VI.

Because this country has illegalized fabrics
To encourage the smart alics
    It's the laboring men and upper tens,
    That support the outlaw dens.

VII.

It's the brainless dude,
Which so often does include,
    Members of some outlaw gang,
    Who from the gallows hang.

VIII.

It's on the account of their mistaken course
They are nabed by the police force,
    And placed in jail,
    While others are out on bail.

SELFISH MOTIVES.

I.

Unhappiness and discontent,
Is caused by our own consent,
It's our thoughts and actions,
That sums up the unnecessary fractions.

II.

Our selfish motives,
Cause our trains to become explosives,
Rash words, are often said,
By being misled.

III.

By our dearest friends,
In bitterness and self-defense,
The struggle often commences,
With unnecessary expenses.

IV.

Jealousy and self-praise,
Leads to all kinds of disgrace,
Amongst such people you'll often find,
A very suspicious mind.

TOO WISE FOR ADVICE?

I.

Don't be so wise,
That you need no advice,
And say it is a gift
That you became so swift.

II.

I want you to show up,
And quit empting the rum cup,
Then you'll realize,
What God does despise.

III.

You'll reach a better thought,
And won't be so easy bought,
So never give in,
When you are tempted to sin.

IV.

Against all evils, you must fight
Both day and night,
Every moment you are here,
You must never fear.

V.

All necessary care,
Our Heavenly Father will bear,
If you will let him in,
He will cleanse you from sin.

VI.

Never the less,
You must confess,
Sooner or later,
Before the Creator.

VII.

If you stand the test,
You are no better than the rest,
Which upon this earth has trod,
And now at rest below the sod.

VIII.

Are you in trouble,
Floating like a bubble,
On the out-going tide,
With a wavering pride.

IX.

Consider why you switched off of the main track,
Search the scriptures and come back,
Repent at the foot of the cross.
Unless you will do this, you will suffer loss.

X.

I am here to tell you,
That God's promise is true,
It's easier to cleave the ocean,
Than to destroy a righteous man's portion.

THE SCIENTIST.

I.

The most searching scientist,
Might as well be dismissed,
Because it's in vain,
For men to explain.

II.

How matter works on mind,
But we can readily find,
That it requires matters
To undertake to scatter.

III.

A good or evil thing,
Peace in our heart, it will never bring,
Because these invisable forces
Claim separate resources.

IV.

We will never be at perfect rest,
Until we choose the best,
Which is the Devine blessing of love,
That comes to us from our Heavenly
Father above.

V.

Men's character reveals itself by their deed
That's why it depends how we proceed,
To feed the intricate net-work of the
brain,
Which has no other chance to regain.

VI.

The ever presence of a sound mind,
Then to seek the Devine, until we find,
Perfect blessings of love,
That comes from our Heavenly Father
above.

SATAN'S ERRAND BOY.

I.

Let me call your attention
To a few facts I wish to mention,
    Which refers to selfishness and pride,
    Then men think, that they can hide.

II.

Their miserable deed,
Which so often does proceed,
    To quench out the devine forces,
    By the unprevailing resorces.

III.

Just think of the underminded concubine,
Which Satan's evilworkers find,
    Willing to be fooled,
    Its on account of their ancestors never
        ruled.

IV.

In their own house,
They were left to carouse,
    As they were shown how
    To settle difficulty in a row.

PERFECT BLESSINGS OF LOVE.

I.

God fore-knows all things beforehand,
That's why we should try to understand,
That it's left to each individual to
choose
To gain, or to loose.

II.

The good or the bad,
It's the latter that makes us feel sad,
Our hearts will never be content,
Until we earnestly repent.

III.

Of our hidden sin is the only thing,
Which to us a wonderful peace it will bring
That no poet can explain,
What treasures we regain.

IV.

When our sins we confess,
Then at once we shall possess
The blessed child-faith
Which is the only safe way to enter
Heaven's gate.

OUR DAILY NEED.

I.

That our daily need,
Every nation and creed,
    If we succeed,
    To obtain the right feed.

II.

For our hungry soul,
Which Satan so often undertakes to
        control,
    As soon as we lurch,
    And neglect to attend church.

III.

On the Holy Sabbath day,
Then Satan finds an easy prey,
    He makes no delay
    To venture to decay.

IV.

Our body, soul and mind,
That's how we become spiritually behind,
    And stray away from the truth,
    And no longer bear fruit.

V.

For the Master above,
According to Christ's love,
    We are duty bound,
    To God's inevitable laws on his own
        ground.

VI.

Therefore let this be known
Whatever we have sown,
We must also reap,
Therefore let's not weep.

VII.

Together such treasures,
To satisfy our own pleasures,
Which is abomination in the sight of God,
Ever since mankind on this earth did trod.

VIII.

Therefore let's make the wise move,
Which is the only safe way to improve
Our body, soul and mind,
If the Saviour we intend to find.

IX.

We must deny ourselves and bear the cross,
Which is the safe way to get across,
Life's swift stream,
Christ is the only one, that can redeem.

X.

Yes, redeem us from our sin,
But it's our place to begin,
To turn away from the wrong,
If we in earnest shall sing the song.

XI.

Which is of a better cheer,
Serving the Master, with trembling and fear,
As long as we are honest and sincere,
Satan cannot interfere.

MY TRIP TO THE PORTLAND EXPOSITION.

I.

The 20th day of June, I started out
Over the Northern Pacific route,
They run first class trains,
Over the mountains and plains.

II.

You talk about civil engineering,
This proves that this country is rearing
Bright intelligent men that understand,
How to survey the land.

III.

And figure out the right per cent grade,
Where the tracks are to be laid,
To run all kinds of trains
Over the mountains and the plains.

IV.

When we passed through marvelous bad lands,
I noticed where the various statues stand,
It was up around the big horn,
That General Custer was forlorn.

V.

When we leave the central plains.
We enter the valleys and the lanes
It's the mountain ranges,
That bring forth all kinds of exchanges.

VI.

As to the custom and the style
When away from home a thousand miles
In regard to vegetation
It all depends on irrigation.

VII.

But there is no doubt
If this system is properly brought out,
They can raise all kinds of fruits and grains,
Equal to the central plains.

VIII.

In quality and size
Along the valleys, it is the leading enterprise
But still the question arises
What is the leading enterprise?

IX.

In the extreme far West,
There is no telling what is best,
Cattle raising where there is good grazing,
It is amazing to see the cow-boys chasing.

X.

The countless herds by turns amongst the Western ferns
The ranchers are the ones that earn
Money exceedingly fast,
That's why they start to blast.

XI.

With that explosive dynamite
Which is to all a great delight
To see the men work in the mines
And turn out gold ore at all times.

XII.

As they do on the central plains and
mountain chains
And ship it out by trains
To the smelters and refineries,
Out in the Western pineries.

XIII.

The leading saw mills
Established along the valleys and the hills.
It's on the highlands
Where the tallest timber stands.

XIV.

Clothed in wintry greens,
All sorts of evergreens
Are mingled with the snow capped
mountains,
From which gush, the mineral foun-
tains.

CURRENT EVENTS.

I.

Just watch the current events
Which so often pitch their tents,
In our midst,
Looking for such suckers to put in bids.

II.

To the public they often declare
We are here to deal on the square,
Our blessings you can share,
If you have any money to spare.

III.

We can open your eyes,
With such a surprise,
That you won't care to have closed
Until you have disposed.

IV.

Of your great bargains,
By obtaining a marvelous margin
Which never before has occurred,
If you'll only take us at our word.

V.

This is what we demand,
We want you to understand,
That you are not under any
obligation
Whenever you demand separation.

VI.

We will grant it to you
And still you can come in anew
And demand relinquishment
Without our consent.

VII.

Because we can deal on easier terms
Then all other firms,
Our expenses are paid in advance
That's why we can give our customers
a better chance.

ELECTRICAL INSTRUCTIONS ON STANDARD BASIS.

I.

Electric motors and dynamo machines,
Refers to the mechanical means
Employed to convert mechanical energy
into electricity,
Which will never be looked upon as a
symplicity.

II.

Because it is an invisable force
Produced by a cylindrical course,
Which is placed in soft iron yoke
Without an axle or a spoke.

III.

According to the experimental
demonstration
The law of electricity is governed by
vibrations,
It has also been demonstrated,
How the current is generated.

IV.

Which is by means of brushes,
Lightly upon the comutator touches,
It's the arrow that shows,
What direction the current flows.

V.

Electric machines are not only a benefactor
to the manufacturer,
But the shop boys,
Have a reason to rejoice
Over the various changes.

VI.

That electric energy arranges,
In the mechanical line
On Sunday morn,
You'll hear the church bell chime.

VII.

In the up-to-date American home,
You'll find the telephone mentioned in this
poem,
Stationed on the wall,
Ready to receive a call.

VII.

The most striking event,
I ever witnessed under the electric
treatment
Is the annealing of armor plates
All sizes and shapes.

VIII.

Electricity is a mystery,
That can't be explained by history,
Because it can't be analyzed,
No matter how much it is criticised.

EXPANSION OF STEAM.

I.

It's the resistance,
Multiplied by the distance
Through which the forces act and are moved,
Shows us how the mechanical laws are proven.

II.

Take for instance, hot water expansion
As used for heating a mansion,
No matter how many flights
The steam is forced through the pipes.

III.

The expansion of steam
Must be forced by a machine,
Heated by coal or wood,
By great men it was first understood.

IV.

To figure out the right scheme,
To derive full benefit of steam,
It became necessary to build a machine,
That had to be accurate and keen.

V.

Such a demand,
Was not a very easy task to understand,
To get the right demension,
To allow live steam expansion.

VI.

So that it would exhaust and expand,
And still have plenty of steam on hand,
To furnish power speed whenever in time of need.

ADDITIONAL DISGRACE.

I.

In order to trace an additional disgrace,
For centuries has been out of place,
We must refer to the lodge,
Not because they are the only ones
that dodge.

II.

The way of the truth,
There's only one way to bear fruit,
For the Master on high,
Therefore lets be interested and try.

III.

Too obey God's word,
Which we so often have heard,
On Christmas morn,
A Saviour to us was born.

IV.

That taketh away our sin
If we will begin
To live an upright life,
And turn away from the worldly strife.

V.

So the Holy spirit can dwell in our heart,
Then sin from us must depart,
It's because God's great power,
becomes too strong,
That's why a Christian turns away
from wrong.

VI.

We never can remain a friend to the
Saviour,
By our good behavior,
For such has never occurred,
According to God's word.

VII.

We must strive to learn to understand,
God's great command,
Which was given on Mound Sirriah to
Moses,
God also chose us.

VIII.

To become his sons and daughters,
Some of them have become authors,
According to His will,
Whatever is prophesized, God Almighty
will fulfill.

STAND FIRM.

I.

In order to stand firm
We must strive to learn
    To do what is right,
In God Almighty's sight.

II.

Which is by all means
Too hard against Satan's schemes
    If we remain,
    Without spot or blame.

III.

We must watch and pray,
Each and every day,
    Every moment we are here
    We must never fear.

IV.

Because Christ will deliver us
From the worldly muss,
    If we will do what's right,
    In God Almighty's sight.

V.

He is able to carry me through,
And He will do no less for you,
    Then He has done for me,
    Christ is able to set us all free.

VI.

From all sorts of sin,
If we will begin,
To do what's right,
In God Almighty's sight.

VII.

We shall soon learn
What it means to stand firm,
In God Almighty's sight,
It is by no means an easy fight.

VIII.

To keep unspotted,
Because we are so often blotted,
By the evil things,
Which Satan to us brings.

IX.

In a thousand ways,
But still, it's the only thing that pays,
For men to learn
To stand firm.

X.

When the storm beats against the shore,
Pray for evermore,
Be honest and upright,
Then we shall fight, the good fight.

THE SLANDERING TONGUE.

I.

The slandering tongue,
Is found amongst the old and the young,
But the booze fighters
Are the worst back biters.

II.

It's on account of their mind being
deranged,
They wish to have things changed,
To satisfy their own taste
No matter how much time they waste.

III.

Men that are wise in their own conceit,
Are very easy to defeat
Because their brains are chilled
And other words are filled.

IV.

With a miserable delusion,
Caused by a wrecked constitution,
Such unpleasant proceeds
Are caused by those bad deeds.

REPENT OR BE LOST.

I.

Hell is a real place of torment,
For all nations that don't repent,
Of their ungodly acts,
That quenches out the facts.

II.

That come from our Heavenly Father
above,
Through the mercy of Christ's love,
Is the only way to be saved
Let's ask God's forgiveness, we have
all disbehaved.

III.

It's nothing but the sermons by the devil,
That tears a christian down to the level,
With the honest type of humanity,
Which is brought on by vanity.

CLAIMS OF HUMAN NATURE.

I.

This is what human nature claims and
explains,
In order to obtain active brains,
And remain healthy and stout,
The laws of nature must be carried out.

II.

If this is to be done,
Bad company we must shun,
Because it is their bad deed,
Which so often does proceed.

III.

To quench out the good,
If this isn't understood,
Right on the start,
The good spirit will soon depart.

IV.

From our feeble heart,
On account of acting smart,
While mixing up with the worldly
muss,
God's blessings cannot rest upon us.

V.

It's the sudden change,
Which so often does arrange,
    Many an unpleasant thing
    The worldly people sing.

VI.

That there's no hurry to reform,
Until after the storm,
    When there shall be many forlorn,
    And wished they had never been born.

VII.

At the judgment day
God's word tells us today,
    That we must obey,
    And make no further delay.

CONCLUSION.

I.

My dear friends see here
I shall soon disappear,
    Remember what I said about the dead,
    And go right ahead.

II.

If we do God's will,
We can't be standing still
    At the foot of the hill,
    Because that won't foot the bill.

III.

God don't want us to stop,
Untill we come to the top
    Of the devine mountain, which is so
        high
    That it reaches to the sky.

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